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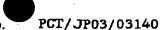
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From the INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY Eisenfuehr, Speiser & Partner Martinistrasse 24 WRITTEN OPINION D-28195 BTENER ALLEMAGNE (PCT Rule 66) EMOSFOANGEN/RECEIVED 1 5, Jan. 2004 BREMEN Date of mailing 14.02 14/01/2004 FRIST (day/month/year) REPLY DUE Applicant's or agent's file reference within 1/00 months/days from the above date of mailing MA 7452-01 WD 663654 International filing date (day/month/year) Priority date (day/month/year) International application No. 18/03/2002 PCT/JP03/03140 17/03/2003 International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC C07K14/47 Applicant MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO. LTD. et al. 1. This written opinion is the first drawn up by this International Preliminary Examining Authority. 2. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items: I X Basis of the opinion Priority II Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability X Lack of unity of invention Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement VI [ Certain documents cited VII Certain defects in the international application Certain observations on the international application VIII 3. The applicant is hereby invited to reply to this opinion. When? See the time limit indicated above. The applicant may, before the expiration of that time limit, request this Authority to grant an extension, see Rule 66.2(d). By submitting a written reply, accompanied, where appropriate, by amendments, according to Rule 66.3. For the form and the language of the amendments, see Rules 66.8 and 66.9. For an additional opportunity to submit amendments, see Rule 66.4. For the examiner's obligation to consider amendments and/or arguments, see Rule 66.4bir. For an informal communication with the examiner, see Rule 66.6. If no reply is filed, the international preliminary examination report will be established on the basis of this opinion. 4. The final date by which the international preliminary examination report must be established according to Rule 69.2 is Authorized officer Name and mixiling address of the IPEA/ Examiner European Patent Office D-80298 Munich Formalities officer Tel. (+49-89) 2399-0, Tx: 523656 epmu d Fax: (+49-89) 2399-4465 (incl. extension of time limits) Tel. (+49-89) 2399 2828

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## I. Basis of the opinion

The basis of this written opinion is the application as originally filed.

III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

The question of whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step, or to be industrially applicable has not been and will not be the subject of the international preliminary examination in respect of the claims which have not been searched (Article 17(2)(a) or (3) and Rule 66.1(e) PCT; see also international search report).

## IV. Lack of unity of invention

The objection as to lack of unity raised in the international search report is maintained. The reasons for the objection are the same as those indicated in the international search report.

- V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability
- 1. To the extent that the international preliminary examination has been carried out (see item III above), the following is pointed out:
- 2. In light of the documents cited in the international search report, it is considered that the invention as defined in at least some of the claims, which have been the subject of an international search report, does not appear to meet the criteria mentioned in Article 33(1) PCT, i.e. does not appear to be novel and/or to involve an inventive step (see international search report, in particular the documents cited X and/or Y and corresponding claim references).
- 3. If amendments are filed, the applicant should comply with the requirements of Rule 66.8 PCT and indicate the basis of the amendments in the documents of the application as originally filed (Article 34 (2) (b) PCT) otherwise these amendments may not be taken into consideration for the establishment of the international preliminary examination report. The attention of the applicant is drawn to the fact that if the application contains an unnecessary plurality of independent claims, no examination of any of the claims will be carried out.
- NB: Should the applicant decide to request detailed substantive examination, then an international preliminary examination report will normally be established directly. Exceptionally the examiner may draw up a second written opinion, should this be explicitly requested.

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